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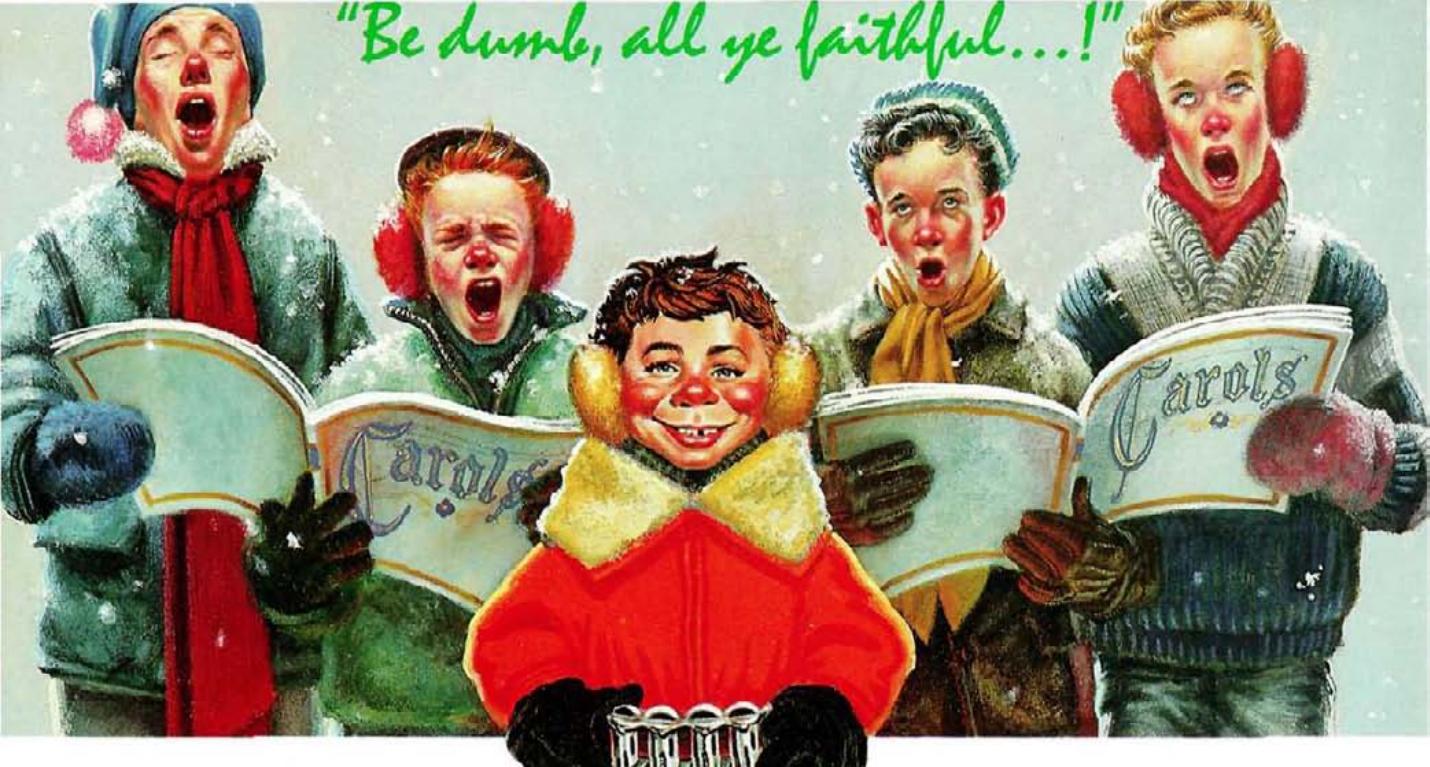
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—Alfred E. Neuman

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## THE MAD BULLETIN BOARD



For some reason, people send their photographs to us. We don't know why, but they do. Some claim to resemble Alfred E. Neuman. Others want a spot in William Gaines's will. Many are just vain, egotistical, narcissistic fools! Whatever the motive, when we get a photo, we hang it on the MAD bulletin board. Pictured above is a small section of that board. We thank the people who have sent us their pictures over the years, but what we appreciate most is the fact that no one has ever sent us a photo of Roy Cohn!

### OLDEST READER?

The picture enclosed is of my mother Edith Lurie and her great-grandson Casey Lurie, who introduced her to MAD. As you can see, she neglected her usual detective mystery novels and took to your magazine. This December, we'll be celebrating her 92nd birthday. She might well be your oldest subscriber!

Toby Lurie  
San Francisco, CA

Thanks for writing, but the truth is our oldest subscriber is Joan Collins! —Ed.



91-year-old Edith and great-grandson Casey. Can you tell who's who?

### "SOUND" DEFECTS

Great job on "A Beginner's Guide to Cartoon Sound Effects" (MAD #282). But, as usual, you left one out:



...An average person reading an issue of MAD!

Mike Amato  
Newton, NJ

### MORON MAIL

Hey, isn't it about time Alfred E. Neuman gets a haircut?

Jeremy Hanscom  
Florala, AL

Hey, isn't it about time Jeremy Hanscom realized no one cares about his thoughts or opinions? Thanks for writing! —Ed.



### MAD MINUTES UPDATE

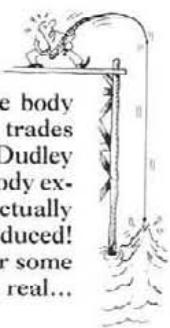
MAD Minutes are popular from New York to Hawaii! Unfortunately, they aren't popular anywhere in between! The creation of long-time MAD writer Dick DeBartolo, MAD Minutes are allegedly humorous and sometimes funny interviews, fake commercials, weather reports and more! They are provided free to any radio station stupid enough to air them! For a sample cassette, send a note on radio stationery to: Dick's MAD Minutes, 485 MADison Ave., NY, NY 10022.



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In the past year there has been a spate of those "body exchange," "role reversal" films. One body switches with another...A father switches brains with his teenage son; a ninety-year-old trades bodies with his grandson. Thrilling concept? Come on!!! How many people really want to see Dudley Moore switch brains with Kirk Cameron? We here at MAD were hoping for one more of these body exchange films, one where a Hollywood Studio Executive switches bodies with a movie-goer and actually has to pay six bucks, sit in a theatre with sticky floors and watch the drivel his studio produced! Of course, that didn't happen. But Hollywood *did* make yet another body exchange film and, for some unexplainable reason, it was a huge hit! In fact, at the box office this summer, it was a real...



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER  
WRITER: ARNIE KOGAN

# big



Hi, my name is Gosh Boshkin! I'm a twelve-year-old suburban kid! I like computers, bikes, video games, stick-ball and walkie-talkies. I have a perfect life! I also live in New Jersey! Well, okay...almost perfect!

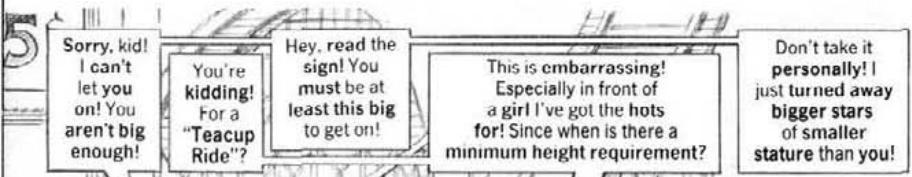
I'm BILKY Gunzenhauser! I'm Gosh's best pal! We play ball together! Rap on the walkie-talkie together! Sing "Shimmy Shimmy Ko Ko Baa" together! And together we do the most disgusting things with food since *Animal House*!

We also gawk at girls together! We think they may be useful someday! But we're not quite sure for what!

Look, there's Sintease! What a knockout! I think she likes you!

Neat! I have a fantasy that I get her alone in my bunk bed and short-sheet the bed!

Is that all?  
You mean there's more?

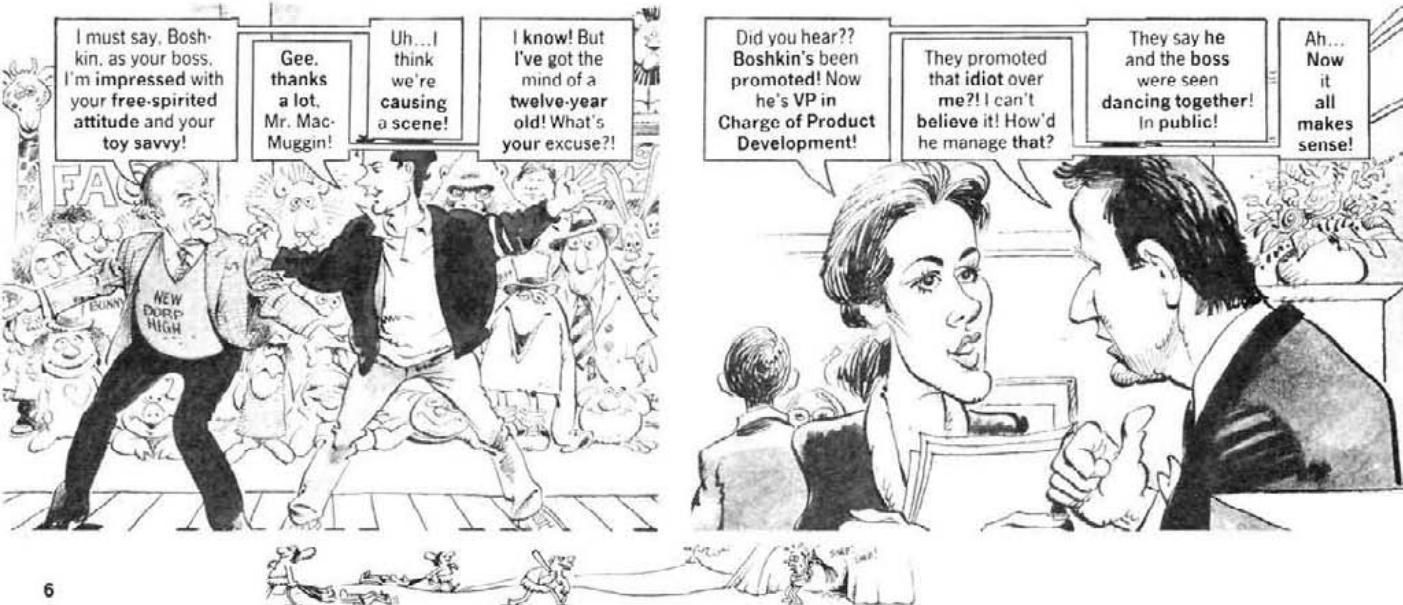


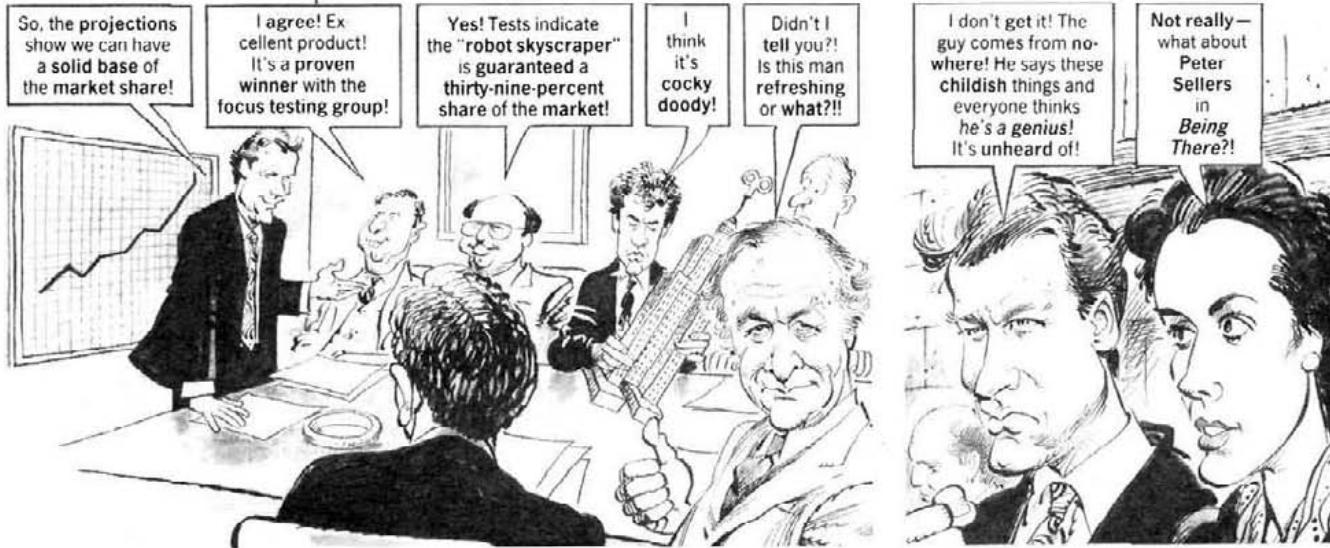
Hmm! Those are the hairiest twelve-year-old legs I've ever seen! Wait... Oh my God! Suddenly I have the body of Tom Hanks! Oh well, at least it's not the body of John Candy! Or even worse, the body of Lily Tomlin!!!

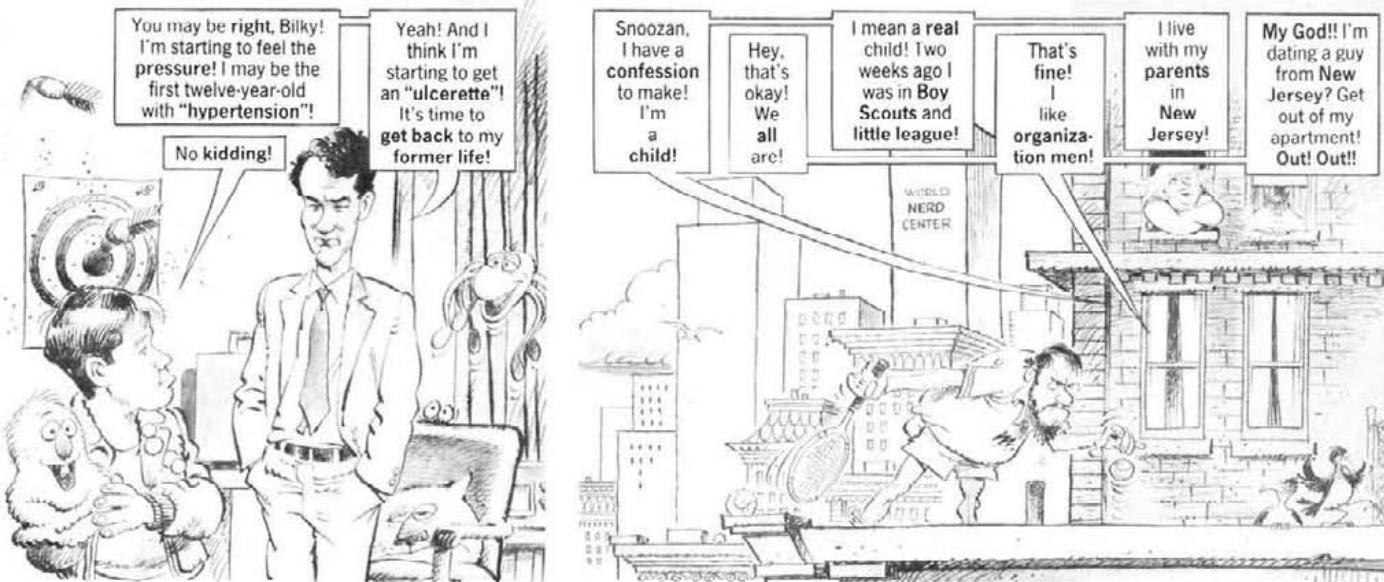
Gosh, you're late! Stop dawdling! What are you doing up there?

Just making a "parts check," Mom!

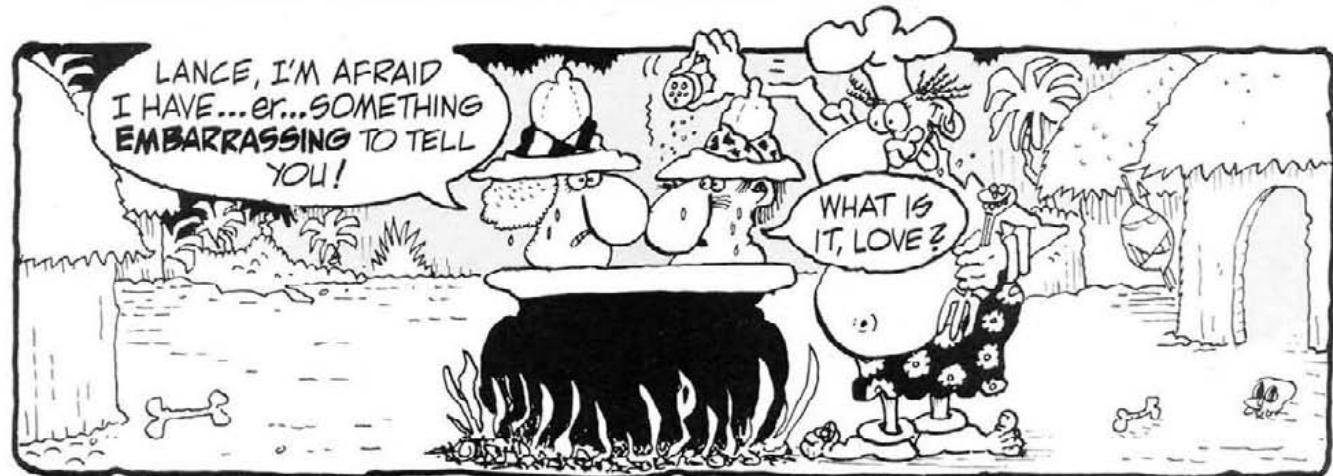








# THE APPALLING AMAZON APPETIZER



#### IT DOESN'T ADAGE UP DEPARTMENT

If you're like most people (and most people are!) you probably think all of the ancient proverbs and adages that have been handed down from generation to generation are profound words to live by! Ah, but as the wise man once said, "YOU FOOLS!" Just because a maxim has survived for centuries doesn't necessarily mean that it's correct! On the other hand, it doesn't necessarily mean that it is incorrect either! Our point is, each one of those profound little ditties needs to be judged on its own merit, and so with that in mind...

# MAD RE-EXAMINES SOME WISE OLD SAYINGS

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

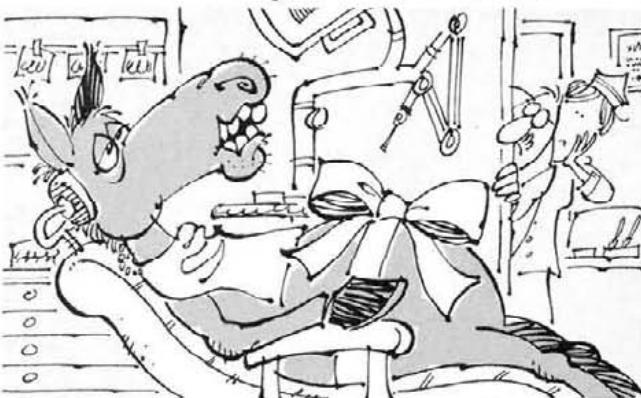
WRITER: TOM KOCH

"Two heads are better than one."



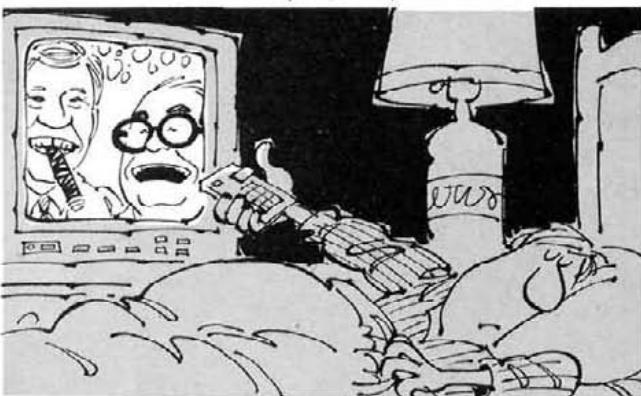
TRUE: Especially as the top drawing card at a circus sideshow while the geek is on vacation!

"Never look a gift horse in the mouth."



TRUE: At close range, it becomes sickeningly apparent that few horses brush after meals, and almost none of them ever think to use mouthwash!

"Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."



FALSE: Although, going to bed early does enable one to miss seeing Larry "Bud" Melman on the Letterman Show!

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."



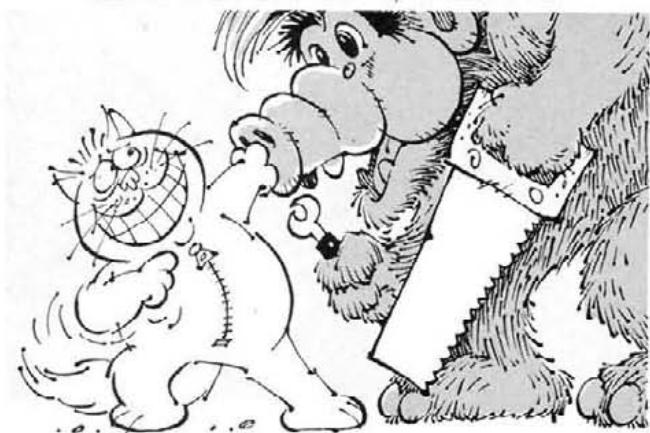
TRUE: In fact, there's nothing you can make from a sow's ear except a saddle blanket for a hamster!

"Lightning never strikes twice in the same place."



FALSE: Lightning often strikes twice in the same place, but word hasn't gotten out since no one who was standing there the first time is still alive!

"There's more than one way to skin a cat."



TRUE: But if you have a weak stomach, you wouldn't want to hear about the other ways!

"A watched pot never boils."



FALSE: This is merely a misquotation of the well known scientific fact: A watched boil never pops!

"There's no fool like an old fool."



TRUE: Except in Congress, where there are several young fools who seem to have a natural knack for foolishness that normally takes years to develop!

"The baseball team that's in first place on the 4th of July always wins the pennant."



TRUE: But only in years when a players' strike causes the season to end on the 5th of July!

## ENTERING THE JOCK MARKET DEPARTMENT

There isn't a jock  
Who won't lose to the clock—  
The toughest opponent is time!  
Don't cry in your beers...  
Mad suggests some

# CAREERS for ATHLETES

### EX-TENNIS CHAMPS



LIFE GUARD ROUSERS

### EX-WRESTLERS



TRASH COMPRESSORS

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

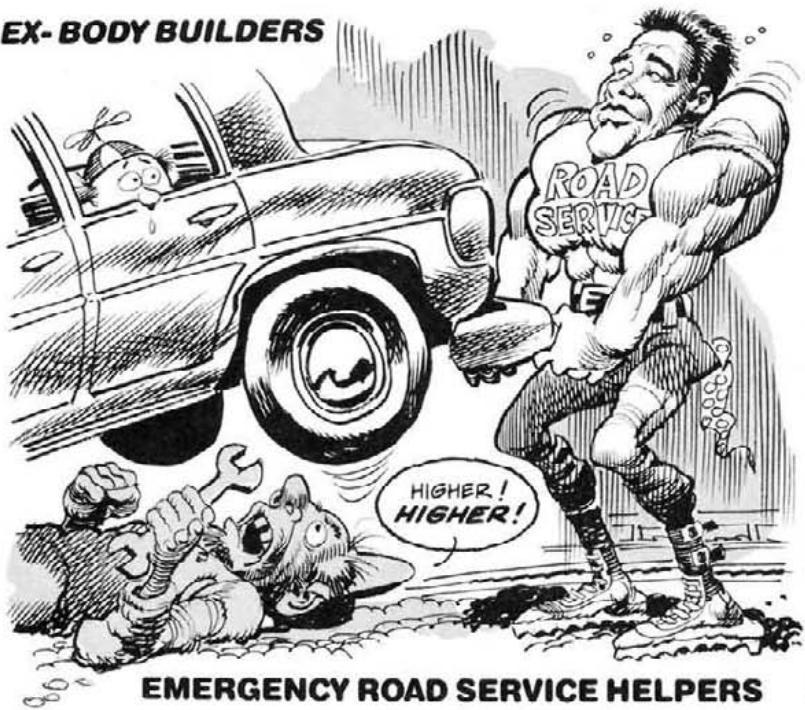
### EX-INDY RACERS



SUPERMARKET SHOPPING CART ATTENDANTS

# LETES PAST their PRIME

## EX-BODY BUILDERS



## EX-KARATE CHAMPIONS



## EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE HELPERS

WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

## EX-BASEBALL MANAGERS



## ANT AND MOLE HILL DESTROYERS

## VEG-O-MATIC CHOPPERS

#### QUICK DRAW GUFFAW DEPARTMENT

There's a popular new board game out called "Pictionary"! A ripoff of TV's "Win, Lose or Draw" (which is a rip-off of the old parlor game "Charades"),

a player has 60 seconds to draw something while his teammates try to guess what it is. Anyway, we got to wondering what it would be like to play "Pictionary"

# PLAY PICTONARY

HITLER'S MOTHER



John Caldwell



Jack Davis



Mort Drucker

FRANK PERDUE'S LIVING ROOM



Dave Berg



Don Edwing



Bob Jones

GLUTTONY



Sergio Aragones



Bob Clarke



Paul Coker

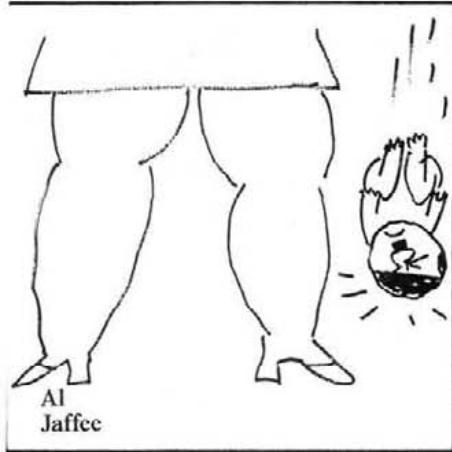
with some of MAD's so-called "artists" and see how *they* stack up against a 60-second stopwatch! Okay, so it's not such a great idea! But we're stuck with it! Here's :

THE RULES: Each MAD artist was sent a sealed list of things to draw. They had five seconds to think about, and 60 seconds to draw, each item listed. No words or symbols could be used.



# VITH THE MAD ARTISTS

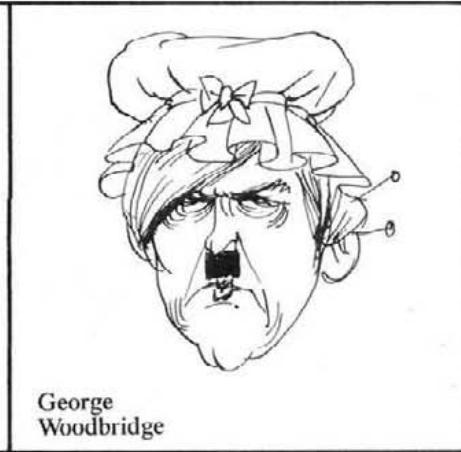
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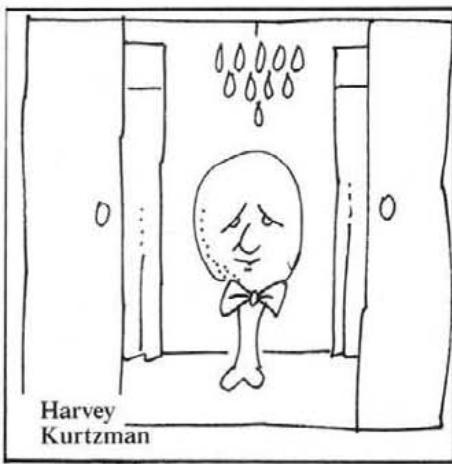
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George Woodbridge



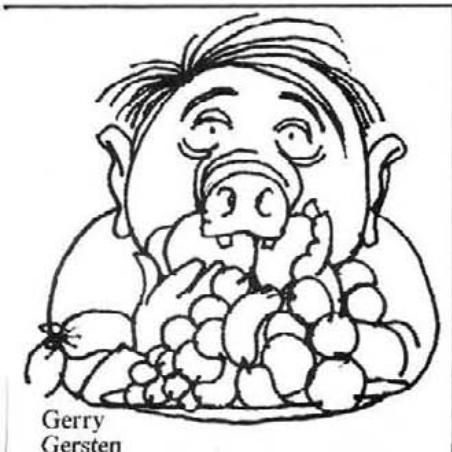
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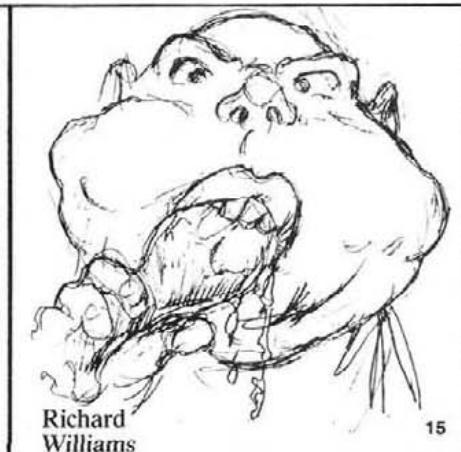
Angelo Torres



Gerry Gersten



Antonio Prohias



Richard Williams

Who is the greatest threat to America today? The Soviets? The Iranians? Morning DJs? No! It's all those smiling store clerks who are always telling us to "have a nice day," even though we live in a very un-nice world! These misguided well-wishers are undermining the fabric of our lives by trying to turn every one of us into a blissed-out lump of jelly, content to vegetate our life away! Well, we at MAD think it's time to defend ourselves against this moronic urge to enjoy life by taking a cold, hard (as opposed to a moist, clammy) look at reality. Here's...

# 15 REASONS WHY ONLY MINDLESS IDIOTS CAN "HAVE A NICE DAY"

① Floods and droughts are the world's two leading natural disasters. One occurs if it rains; the other if it doesn't.



② Most convicted axe murderers were considered as normal as you are until something



③ By the turn of the century, nationwide gridlock will

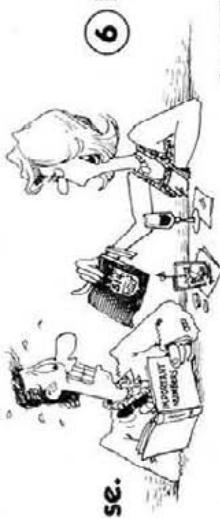


make your Driver's Ed. training totally worthless.

④ The only reason we don't have plagues

of locusts anymore is because poison chemicals sprayed on farm crops have killed them all.

**5**) The majority of beautiful girls hanging out at singles bars are undercover policewomen assigned to entrap weirdos like you. The rest have some awful disease.



**6**) If Shirley MacLaine is right about reincarnation,



you could come back as the football coach at Columbia University.

much money on Mothers Day gifts for their moms are emotionally sick – but not as sick as those who don't spend enough.



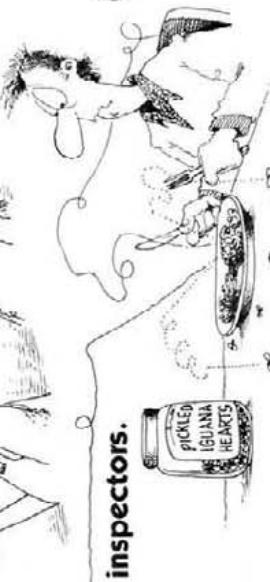
**7**) Men who spend too

**8**) If you suffer less anxiety than you once did, it may be a symptom of a serious nerve disease that has deadened your feelings.



**9**) Most of your favorite food delicacies are

imported from countries devoid of health inspectors.



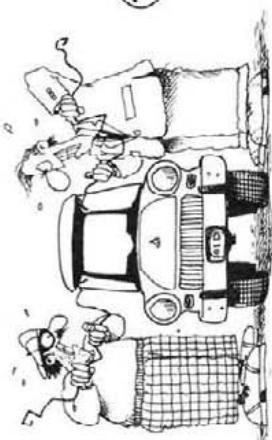
**10**) Science is rapidly finding ways to



kill off the only viruses that may be controlling the spread of even worse viruses.

(11) New,

improved auto locks mean that thieves can no longer open your door with a coat hanger—and neither can you.

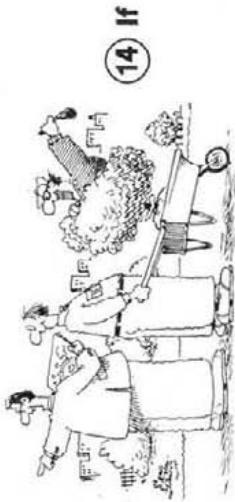


(12) A warm, early Spring may be the first sign the Polar Ice Cap is melting, dooming the whole



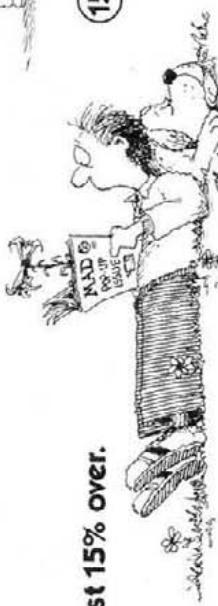
(13) Programs to convert inner city slums into beautiful

world to a total and permanent flood.



(14) If

parks are most beneficial to muggers who need new areas for business expansion.



(15) At least 400,000 farmers are

you're old enough to read this, your life is at least 15% over.

at work right now growing lima beans, spinach, okra and other vegetables that you hate.





Before this movie satire begins, I'd like to take a moment to talk to you about scientific research important to all of us movie-goers and why we must support it. Of course, I'm talking about the treatments and hopefully, the cures for the terrible diseases people contract from sitting in disgustingly filthy theaters like the one you're in now!

When the usher comes down the aisle, please contribute generously. Even though the odds are against it, let's hope some of the money he collects reaches our fund. Thank you.

THRONE FOR A LOSS DEPARTMENT

# NUMBING TO AMERICA

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

WRITER: STAN HART



This picture certainly doesn't show black people in a very favorable light! Weren't there any protests?

Well, I know that my group was delighted with it! And we're really involved with race relations!

You must be with the N.A.A.C.P.!

No, the K.K.K.!

What's this movie about, anyway?

It's about a foreigner who comes to America and innocently tries to cope with our culture!

Actually, it only smells that way!

In this film, Eddie tried something different! He didn't want to play a character who was brash and smart-assed, he wanted to be warm and adorable!

If I wanted "warm" and "adorable," I could have hung around a pet shop and saved myself six bucks!

I'm really impressed with Eddie's social awareness!

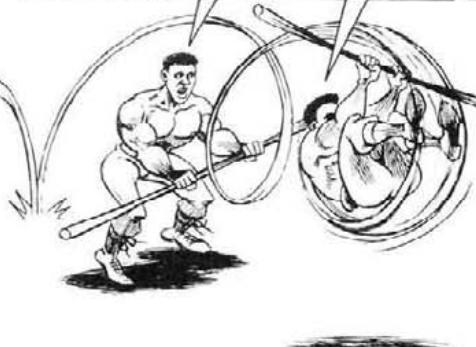
But he portrays Africans as happy, healthy, semi-savages when, in fact, so many of them are starving! So what is it about his social awareness that impresses you?

That he doesn't have any at all!

Isn't this a clever way of showing our athletic ability?

You mean, the way we fight?

No! The way we're filmed! By doing long shots, nobody can tell we're not Eddie Murphy and Arsenio Hall!



Well, my son, I have chosen a suitable bride for you!

I do not want to marry! I'm not ready for it!

I understand! You need your bachelor fling! All right, we'll postpone the wedding for 30 days so you can go to New York and have all the wild, pre-marital sex you want! By the end of the month, you'll return home and marry the woman I have selected!

If he follows his father's advice, by the end of 30 days he'll also have 30 incurable diseases!



We are new to New York City! Tell me, my friend, is this a safe place?

Sure, pal, if you follow three simple rules! One: Never go out at night. Two: Go out in the daytime only if you absolutely have to. Three: If you ever do go out, run fast! Other than that, no sweat!



Listen, don't get mad, boobie! See? The offensive black stereotype is balanced with just as offensive a Jewish stereotype! The director's an equal opportunity offender! Besides, he's a WASP, so what does he care?

Look at that lovely creature! Those bewitching eyes, those luscious lips...

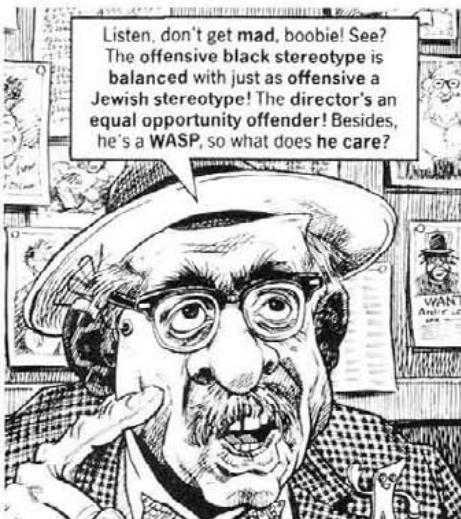
...Yes, yes... that silken hair, that sexy smile...

...those inviting arms, those soft hands...

...that wild bod...that great mustache...

Mustache? She doesn't have a mustache!

So who's talking about her?



I know you got the job here to stay close to her, but what am I getting out of mopping these damn floors for a lousy minimum wage?

I need you to pal around with—this is a "Male Buddy Bonding" type film!

Some bonding! You only know her two days and give her diamond earrings! After all these years, all I ever got was a cheap, rhinestone brooch!

I'll believe you of that, thank you!

Gee, I'm surprised that they filmed this fight sequence in normal speed and not in slow motion like they do in most action films!

It's a change of pace!

A change of pace? What do you mean by that?

Everything else in this movie is in slow motion!



I can't believe how many promos for McDonald's are in this movie! They must have paid a fortune for all these plugs!

Are you kidding or what? This movie is so dull, it was Burger King who paid a fortune—to keep their name out of it!



Are you going to marry the man your father chose for you?

No! I don't want to marry a rich guy!

How about someone like me who was a goat herder in Africa?

Of course! Because here in America you can start at the bottom and become anything you want to be—a Park Avenue doctor, a Wall Street lawyer—anything!

Could I be a Beverly Hills cop?

Why would you want to be that?



Happy, darling?

That we're so much in love?

This is like a fantasy! I can't believe it!

No! That a white New York taxi driver stopped to pick up two black passengers!



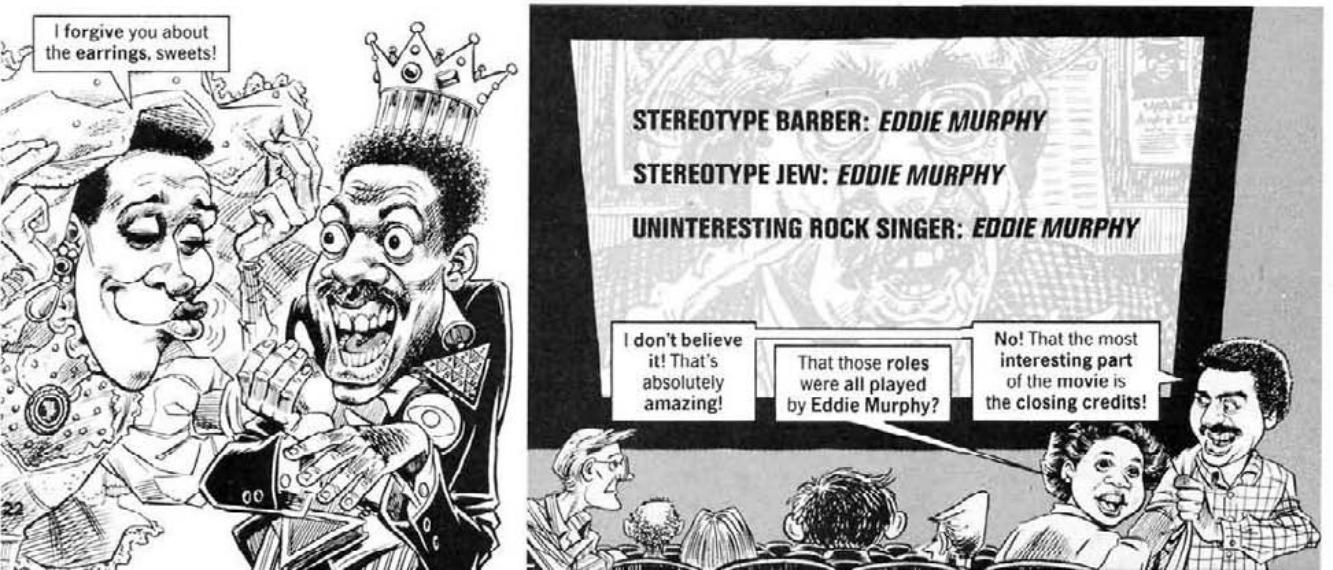
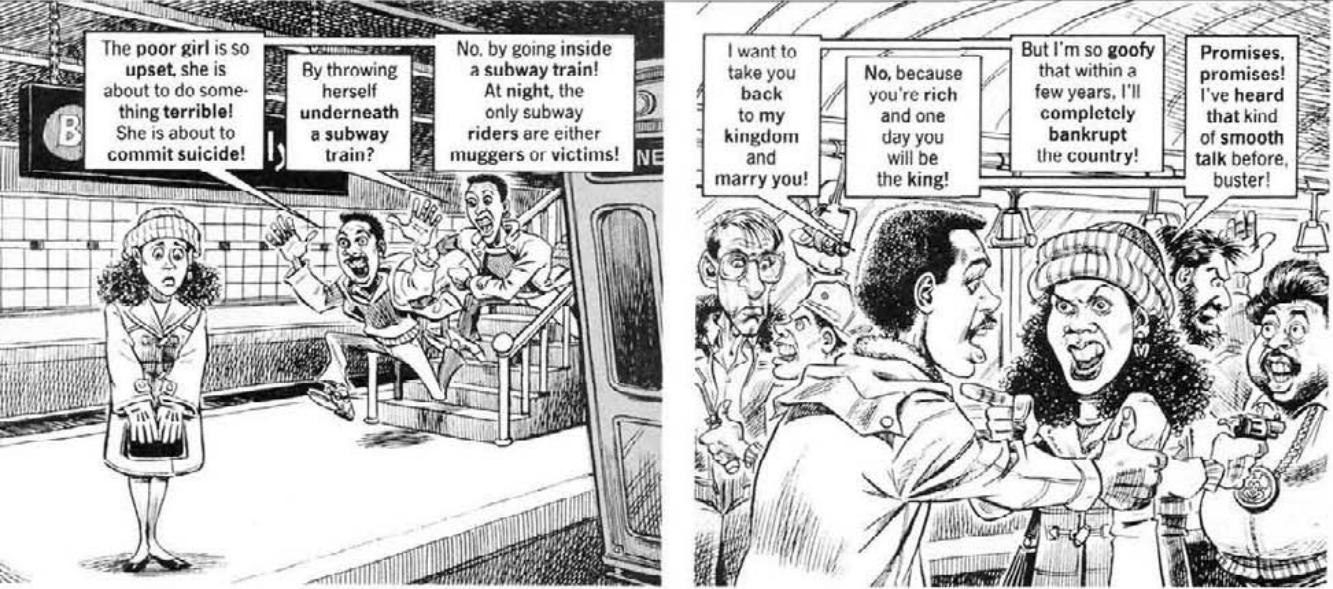
My son is not a goat herder! He is a prince!

Then I can't marry him! I want someone who's poor, someone I can live with in a dismal slum, someone I can starve with, someone who can deny me the basic comforts of life!

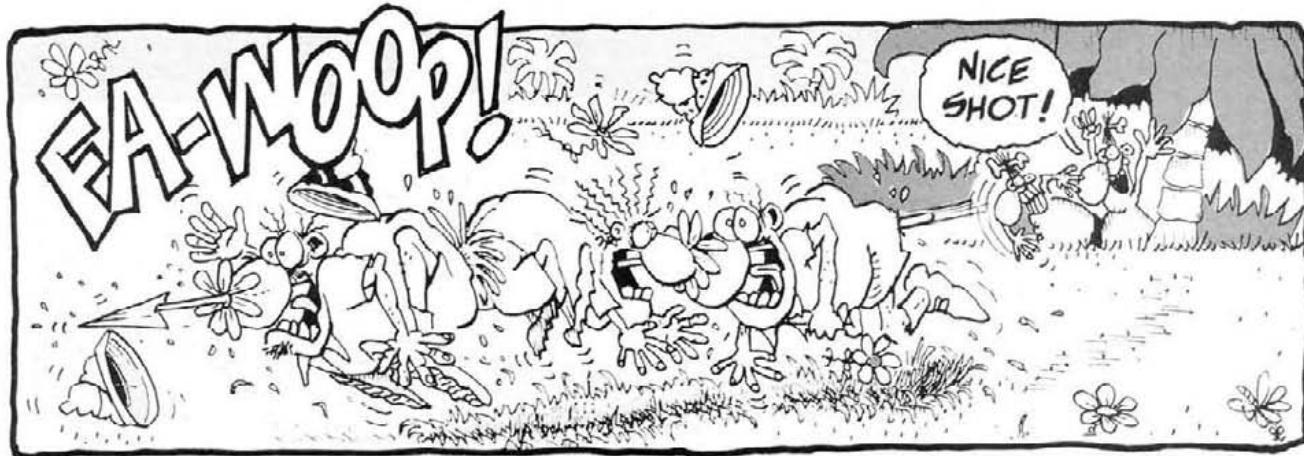
Obviously, you are an incurable romantic!

No, your Highness! She's an incurable putz!





# THE COCKAMAMIE CONGO COOKOUT



CLAUS AND EFFECT DEPARTMENT

# THE MAD PEOPLE WATCHER'S GUIDE TO A SHOPPING MALL AT CHRISTMAS

ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONES

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

CREDIT  
ACCOUNTING  
PERSONNEL

Refuses to believe grand-  
children don't want  
underwear for Christmas.

Is positive Dad will let  
him use the Def Leppard  
album he's buying him.

"Nonchalantly" leading her  
boyfriend past Mink Shoppe  
window for the 14th time.

Ran out of gift ideas: joining  
"March of the Totally-Stumped"  
to Hickory Farms of Ohio.

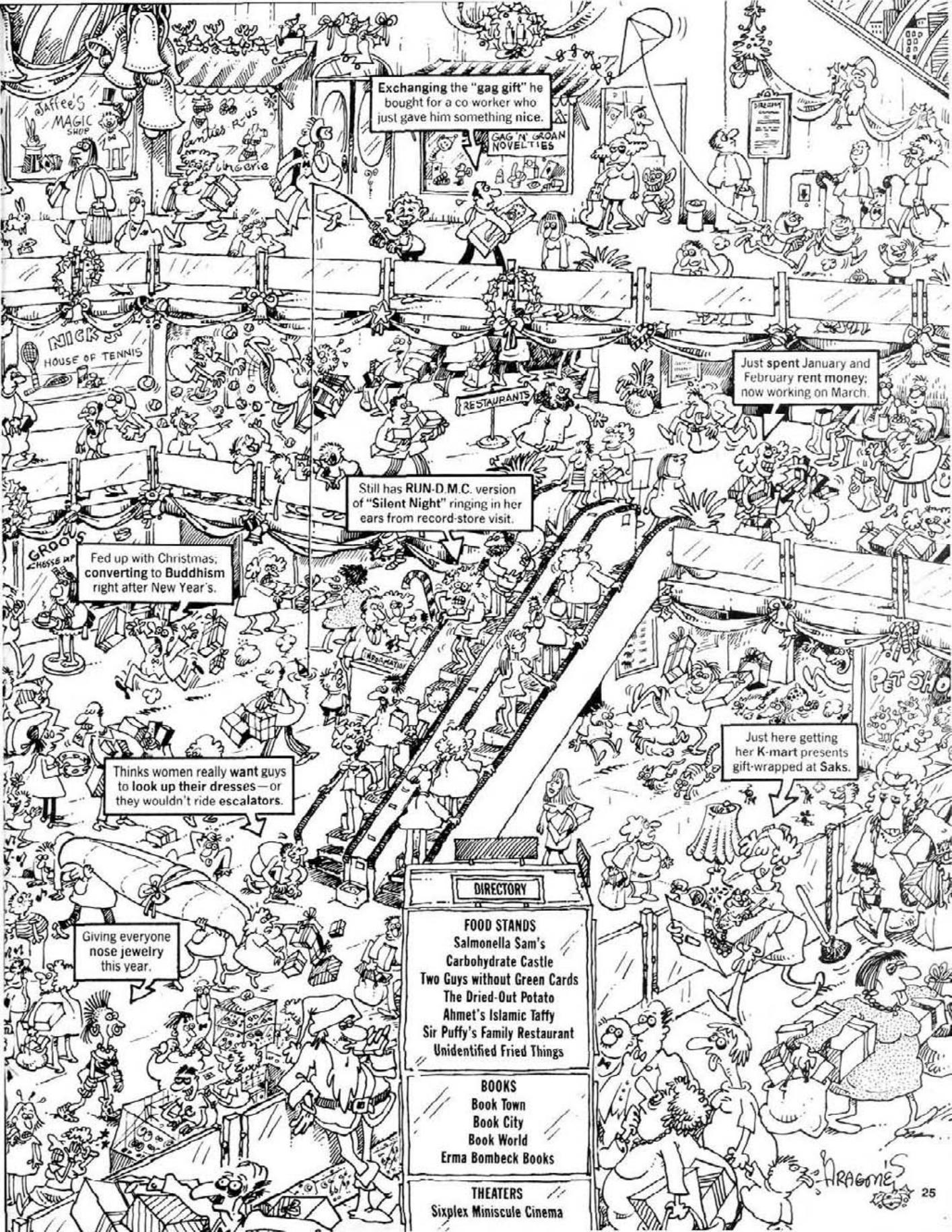
All know the truth  
about Santa; just  
humoring their parents.

DIRECTORY

GIFTS  
House of Garfield Merchandise  
Tackyland  
Ye Overpriced Shoppe  
Gag 'N' Groan  
Velcro World  
Wicks 'N' Cheese

CLOTHING  
Just Shorts  
Pre-Owned Shoes  
Ed's House of Polyester

RECORDS  
No-Discount Music  
Poor Selection Records & Tapes



## ROCK



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

# THE LIGHT

## COMMUNICATIONS



## IMAGES



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ARTIST & WRITER:  
DAVE BERG

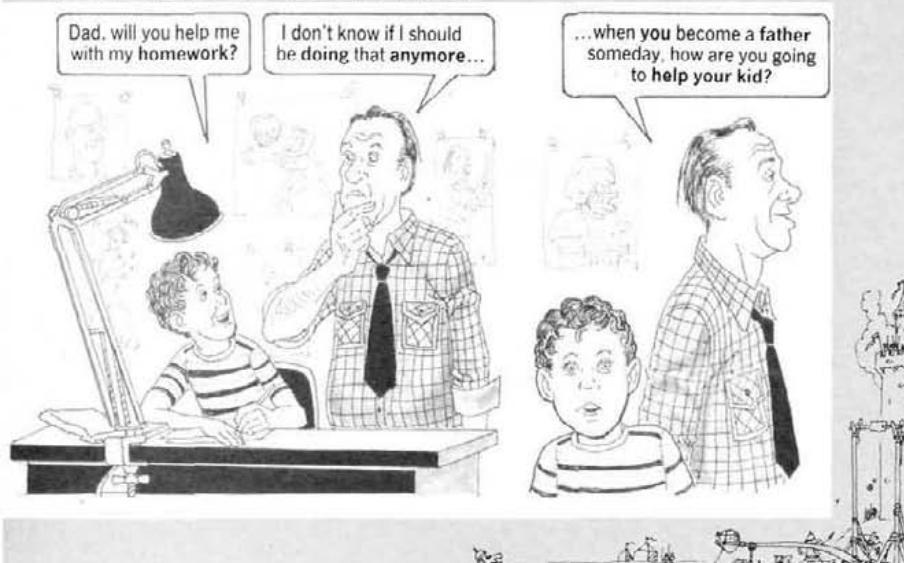
## MARATHONS



# CORRESPONDENCE



# PLANNING AHEAD



# DIETS



# FINANCES



The company has decided to increase your severance pay!



# TELEVISION



## EXHAUSTION



## CONTROL



# CARS



# SENIORS



# DOCTORS



**STAT'S ENTERTAINMENT! DEPARTMENT**

"Demographics" is a fancy word TV networks and ad men use to describe who's watching what on television. Demographics provide a statistical breakdown of an audience by age, sex, income level, buying habits and other factors. Demographics, in our opinion, are useless, because they don't break down audiences according to the reasons they're *really* watching a specific show! Demographics is the word we've been using to begin every sentence of this introduction with! Demographics, however, is the *third* word of the title of this article, which we call...

# THE REAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF VARIOUS TV AUDIENCES

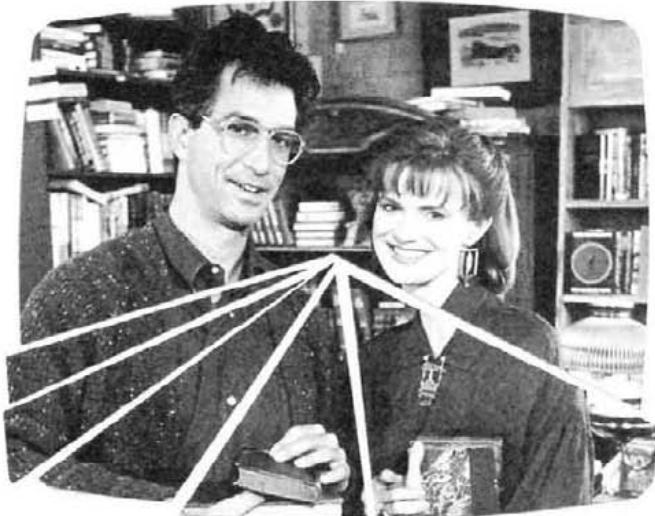
ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

## THE TYPICAL TODAY SHOW AUDIENCE



## THE TYPICAL DAYS AND NIGHTS OF MOLLY DODD AUDIENCE



**59%**  
VCR owners waiting for their tape of last night's Carson and Letterman shows to rewind

**14%**  
Ex-CBS Morning Show hosts

**11%**  
Rock musicians just coming down off their drugs

**8%**  
People who like complex social issues boiled down into 1½-minute segments

**6%**  
Day workers watching Dr. Art Ulene for the latest trendy disease to call in sick with

**1%**  
Women about to drop dead from excitement when Willard Scott announces their 100th birthday on the air

**1%**  
People still asleep who thought they were turning on the microwave

**67%**  
TV Critics  
**12%**  
Regular viewers of whatever show the network "pumped" that week to try out a new time-slot

**10%**  
Guys who have been hooked on Blair Brown since her nude scenes in the movie *Altered States*

**6%**  
Flashback and "fantasy-sequence" fanatics

**3%**  
Divorced, unstable and insecure women trying to convince themselves that they're normal  
**2%**  
People who've waited years for another funny elevator operator to show up on TV



## THE TYPICAL FAMILY TIES AUDIENCE



**27%**  
Pudgy blonde girls who don't talk much

**22%**  
Ex-Cosby Show viewers who want slightly less "preaching" in their sitcoms

**19%**  
Mallory "wanna-be's"

**17%**  
Skippy "wanna-be's"

**39%**  
Drug dealers seeking current fashion tips

**13%**  
Childless couples looking for good reasons to stay childless

**26%**  
Yuppie airheads seeking current fashion tips

**2%**  
"Ubu" devotees

## THE TYPICAL MIAMI



## THE TYPICAL FACTS OF LIFE AUDIENCE



**37%**  
Other unsuccessful dieters

**29%**  
People who haven't seen the old sitcoms these jokes were lifted from

**11%**  
Girls with nicknames that make "Tootie" seem dignified

**10%**  
Folks who haven't noticed that these girls have been going to school for 10 years

**24%**  
People who used to watch *Dynasty* before that cheap "Moldavia" stunt

**7%**  
Cellulite freaks

**19%**  
Horny college guys hoping for a glimpse of Victoria Principal's thighs

**6%**  
TV viewers who think most sitcoms don't use their laugh-tracks enough

**18%**  
Upwardly mobile corporate backstabbers looking for pointers

**15%**  
Total losers who look up to Cliff Barnes



## THE TYPICAL PHIL DONAHUE AUDIENCE



**34%**  
Surrogate mothers

**20%**  
Neurotics catching up on problems they don't know they have yet

**18%**  
Guys with a thing for fat, dumpy housewives spouting clichés in studio audiences

**12%**  
Women who "love too much"

**99%**  
Yuppies

**10%**  
Men afraid of "expressing their feminine side"

**4%**  
People who enjoy interrupting others

**2%**  
People sick of game shows and soaps who never thought of turning off the TV

## THE TYPICAL THIRTY



## VICE AUDIENCE



**17%**  
Car-crash junkies

**12%**  
People with the ability to tolerate Don Johnson

**6%**  
Real vice cops laughing their heads off

**56%**  
People whose TVs are still tuned to NBC because they fell asleep after Johnny Carson's monologue

**15%**  
Muggers and burglars getting ready for work



**12%**  
Sleep-deprived night-shift workers who'll laugh at anything

**8%**  
Stupid pets

**8%**  
Other talk show hosts wondering how this jerk got to be so big

**1%**  
NBC lawyers

## DALLAS AUDIENCE



**12%**  
Dowdy housewives who regard Miss Ellie as a "fashion goddess"

**8%**  
Militant anti-smokers who'll watch anything Larry Hagman is on

**4%**  
Teenage guys pretending to be great *Dallas* fans so they won't have to admit they can't get a Friday-night date

**41%**  
Near-sighted *Webster* viewers wondering why Emmanuel Lewis got so hairy

**35%**  
Apprentice Muppeteers

**9%**  
Members of the ASPIC (American Society for the Prevention of Ingestion of Cats)



**8%**  
Child actors wondering if they'd be better off emulating Brian ... or Alf

**7%**  
Toy and doll makers wondering what they can license Alf as next

## SOMETHING AUDIENCE



**1%**  
Stand-up comics working on Yuppie material

**44%**  
Corporate executives worried that Mike Wallace has "found them out"

**32%**  
Football fans too drunk to get up to change the channel after the CBS Game of the Week



**13%**  
People who mistakenly believe Andy Rooney is funny

**8%**  
Nerdy guys who think they'd stand a real shot with Diane Sawyer if the lighting was "just right"

**3%**  
Morley Safer groupies

You know what gets our dander up? The fact that so few people know the meaning of the word dander! We're also bothered by the fact that every front page or TV newscast we see these days is littered with stories about unethical behavior in politics, sports, religion and business. We honest, decent and moral folks at MAD are worried that if won't be too long until there's nobody left in the spotlight except sleazy crooks and corrupt con men! Here's what a typical daily newspaper may look like...

# WHEN SCANDALS COMPLETELY TAKE OVER THE NEWS

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

WRITER: TOM KOCH

"All the News You'd Rather Not Read"

## The Daily Scandal

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

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### Both Teams Try to Throw NCAA Basketball Final

WHEELING, WV.—In what first appeared to be a great defensive battle, Western South Dakota won the NCAA basketball championship last night by defeating Southern West Virginia, 10. It was later discovered that the low score occurred because both teams had accepted large bribes from professional gamblers to lose the game.

Dakota's Slats McGoon, who sank the winning free throw by accident, was dragged from the locker room by thugs after the game. Local police officials (who are currently under indictment for being on the mob's payroll) say they have no plans to launch a massive hunt for McGoon or the large black sedan witnesses say a group of four dark-suited men dragged his unconscious body into following a brief, subdued and very quiet victory celebration in Western South Dakota's locker room. (See THUGS on p. 97)



### MOB SCUZZBAG NOMINATED TO SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, DC—Joseph ("Sewer Rat") Gumbo was today named the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, adding fuel to rumors that organized crime has succeeded in buying off a number of key government officials.

The reports of favoritism were heatedly denied by White House Press Secretary Antonio ("Tubby Tony") Sherezky, in his first press briefing since being paroled from Leavenworth. Said Sherezky: "Mr. Gumbo will make a helluva good judge on account of he don't take no lip off 'shyster' lawyers, some of which will wind up with broken knee caps if they try to (See CORRUPTION on p. 99.)

## **Undetected Prune Juice May Have Aided Runner**

DETROIT, MI.—Track star Eammon Swiftling, who ran the mile in three minutes flat at yesterday's Millstone Games, may simply have been making a mad dash for the record room when he clocked the record time. A partially empty bottle of prune juice was later found in Swiftling's locker.

An A.A.U. official said that all runners are tested for drugs and steroids, but not for "natural" foods or beverages such as prune juice. The official declined to comment on another report that Burl Floomis, who long-jumped an amazing 31 feet at the games, may have been aided by crushed jalapeño peppers concealed inside his shorts.

Suspected runner Eammon Swiftling, immediately following record-breaking three-minute mile at the Millstone Games.

LOS ANGELES, CA.—The nation's 83 richest rock musicians have issued a joint statement admitting that they used an Ethiopian famine relief drive as a front for shipping 40,000 tons of toxic waste to Africa. The famed humanitarians said they originally planned to fly food to the starving, but couldn't resist the temptation to substitute acid sludge after receiving a huge illegal payment from the American Chemical GoopCo. The musicians said they will

report to their misdeeds by recording a new song, "We Are the Worst," and dropping the money earned from the records' sales into a Third World country to be chosen at random.

Confidential sources, however,

report that plans are already underway to filter the projected several million dollars in royalties from "We Are the Worst" through a secret Swiss bank account at the Zermatt National Bank in order to fund the illegal opera. (See SCAM on p. 102)

## **Rock Stars Ship Toxic Waste to African Famine Victims**



## **PORN FILM WINS OSCARS, VOTING PROBE PLANNED**



Movie producer Lowe Lee Wormser and friend accepting the Oscar for best picture at last night's Academy Awards ceremony.

HOLLYWOOD, CA.—The account firm of Lice-Waterhouse today

launched a study of Academy Award voting procedures, following a memo-

rable Oscar night, in which the sleazy

producer Lowe Lee Wormser

denied actually bribing Academy

members to vote for his picture, but

he did admit spending \$600,000 on

"promotion expenses," which was

\$555,000 more than the total cost of

making the movie.

Wormser, the former Wall St stock broker, is best remembered for being found guilty of jury tampering in his 1986 insider trading trial, which involved extortion, bribery and robbery good citizenship.

## **TV Station Bribed Viewers to Watch**

SHEDLOW, NB.—Officials of local TV station WTTT today revealed that they were able to triple their ratings by paying bribes to families that participate in the Nielsen Ratings survey. Said Station Manager and former embezzler Boobing Tuber, "We decided to take a direct approach after we found that no amount of legitimate promotion would make the public watch our junky programs."

The ratings people became suspicious of the latest survey results when WTTT beat out "The Cosy Show" and "A Different World" with a rerun of "Seahunt" that Lloyd Bridges didn't even appear in.

Nielsen officials said they would let the results stand, however, after they were seen leaving a meeting with Tuber carrying several large satchels filled with what appeared to be cash. (See CHEAT on p. 145)

## **1981 EXAM CHEATING BLAMED FOR PILOT GOOF**

SHAW AFB, SC.—Cheating on the 1981 final exams at the U.S. Air Force Academy was the apparent cause of Nicaragua's recent mistaken delivery of Nicaraguan military supplies to northern Canada.

An investigating official, Gen. Bradley Omar, said that all the pilots on the mission earned their wings after passing Geography 101 with a stolen test answers. As a result, they thought that Nicaragua was somewhere near the North Pole.

The general, who confided that he also cheated on exams to graduate from the Academy after failing as a supermarket bag boy in civilian life, (See CHEAT on p. 145)

## **Spaced-Out Cops Wound Each Other in Drug Bust**

DALLAS, TX.—Two local police officers who were both later found to be high on cocaine shot each other by accident last night while attempting to raid the warehouse of a drug pusher.

Members of an assigned backup unit were unable to supply details, explaining that excessive pot smoking had caused them to show up at the wrong address. It is still unknown whether the officers had planned to sell the cocaine to other corrupt civil servants or keep it for themselves, but it is generally agreed that they were not going to turn it in at the precinct house.

The city's police chief, Victor Lately, said he will order a full investigation as soon as he is released from jail. The chief was recently sentenced to six months for drunken driving after he careened through a bicycle rack at Central High School, where he was scheduled to give a lecture on good citizenship.

New Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Gumbo.

# ONLY WHEN YOU

...does your student advisor have domestic problems!

WENDY, WE DECIDED THAT NICHOLAS CANNOT HAVE HIS ICE CREAM UNLESS HE FINISHES HIS BROCCOLI!



...do they have management problems!

PLEASE, WAITER,  
WHERE'S  
MY FOOD?

YOU'RE  
FIRED!

NO WAY!  
I QUIT!



ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

...do they start maintenance on your elevators!



...must the supermarket cashier insert a new roll of register tape!





# 'RE IN A HURRY...

...is your breakfast piping hot!



...do they break in new help!

HERE'S HOW YOU **CANCEL THE CODE 40--PUNCH IN THE FRIES**, ADD THE **TAX**, RING CASH DRAW #3 CAUSE CANDACE IS ON #2 UNTIL SHARKY GETS BACK ...



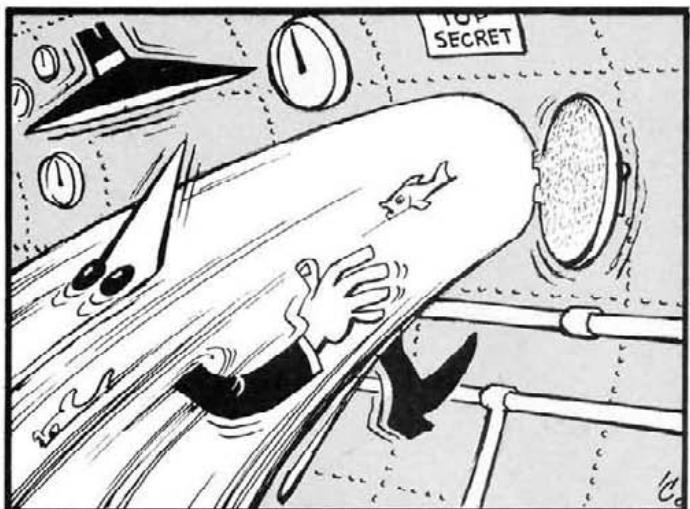
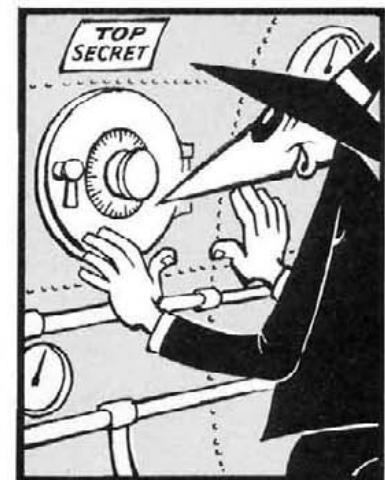
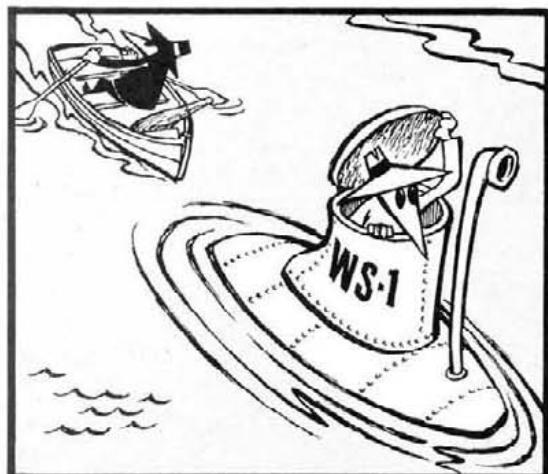
...does your rich uncle call you long distance!



...do you have to wait for a salesman to finish checking out his orders!

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT--IS THAT **48 GROSS AT \$60 OR 60 GROSS AT \$48?** OKAY! NOW, LISTEN SWEETIE, IS THAT **MODEL #5, SIZE 6 OR MODEL #6 SIZE 5?**







SPECIAL ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT TO MAD

# THE LAST RESORT

## The Newsletter for Desperate Singles

DIALING PHONE NUMBERS  
AT RANDOM

*A good way to meet Mr. Right?*

LOCATING ILLEGAL ALIENS  
WHO WANT TO GET  
MARRIED NOW!

Kidnapping Reconsidered

*Dating the Comatose:  
"At Least They're  
Good Listeners!"*

GETTING DATES IN FOOTBALL STADIUMS  
Our Expert Reveals How

**When you want to be happy  
that no one cares about you...**

# SONGS FOR SINGLES

**Madonna:***Crazy for Me!***Tiffany:***I Think I'm Alone Now!***Sting:***I'll Be Together!***Whitney Houston:***Didn't / Almost Have It All!*

Listening to love songs when you're home alone on a Friday night can be pretty depressing, right? Not any more! Now there's *Songs for Singles*, a deluxe 4-record set of love songs specially re-written for singles!

### Enjoy These Self-Centered Hits

I Just Called to Say I Love Me — Stevie Wonder • I Light Up My Life — Debbie Boone • I Just Can't Stop Loving Me — Michael Jackson • plus that chart-busting golden oldie, I Got Me, Babe!

### To Order

Send \$29.95 to  
SOLO MUSIC  
Box 45, Allbymyself, PA  
(Allow 60 to 80 weeks for delivery)

# HOW TO WRITE A PERSONAL AD

Trying to attract a partner by placing a personal ad can be tricky. While honesty is the best policy, if you describe yourself too accurately, odds are no one will want to meet a loser like you. The following feature demonstrates how the creative use of words and phrases can make the painful reality of your empty life sound attractive and exciting!

**THIS IS ED STICKYSTUFF**, a retired egg maintenance man from Warwick, Vermont. Recently he sent us the following personal ad:

Bed-ridden gentleman, 59, killed my first spouse, look like a horse, suffer from narcolepsy, seeking lady who thinks women shouldn't be allowed to vote, 35-50, to wait on me hand and foot. BOX LR25.

Pretty repulsive, huh!  
But after changing a few key words, Ed's ad now makes him sound like a pretty appealing guy!

Mature gentleman, 59, widower, stable, with dreamy personality, seeking lady with traditional values, 35-50, for good times together. BOX LR25.



**MILDRED THICKENING**, an unemployed grease taster from Butte, Montana, ran her ad for over a year without getting a single response:

Recent prison escapee, Devil worshiper, 30, lives in a basement, is border-line psychotic, seeks gullible male, 28+, who won't notice when I steal from him. Photo, phone, a must. BOX LR13.

Once again, simply by substituting some new words, Mildred's ad now pulls in dozens of eager responses every day!

**Savvy woman**, enchantress, 30, down to earth, out-going, seeks trusting male, 28+, financially secure. Photo, phone, please. BOX LR13.

# Alternate Places To Meet

Tired of trying to meet interesting people at the same old discos, singles bars, cocktail parties and resorts? Of course you are! Everybody is! That's why innovative new establishments that cater to the needs of singles are popping up all over the country. Here's the cream of the crop:

## SINGLES COAL MINE



The dark, dank shafts of the Forbush Coal Mine in Hatlo, West Virginia provide a romantic and exciting atmosphere (though lacking in oxygen) for subterranean singles fun. Hard hats and pickaxes are supplied free and dress is casual. Live DJ and rescue missions every Saturday night.

## SINGLES FUNERAL PARLOR



Every Tuesday and Thursday night, the Jason Cooper Funeral Home of Stanley, Wyoming opens its doors and gives fun-loving singles a unique opportunity to meet and mingle amid grieving mourners. A great place to meet people who have recently become single again after years of marriage. Refreshments in the main viewing room.

## SINGLES OPERATING ROOM



If you're sick and single you'll want to check into St. Bartholemew's in Pickatown, Indiana. Eligible men and women are scheduled for major surgery in the same operating room. Mild anesthesia allows singles to chat and get to know one another while doctors repair and replace their vital organs. Most medical plans accepted.

## SINGLES TOLL BOOTH



Busy singles who spend lots of time in their cars are flocking to the toll booths of exit 15W on the New Jersey Turnpike. Each booth is occupied by an available male or female attendant who is eager to connect with outgoing and attractive licensed drivers. Gas up, grab a roll of quarters, and get out there!

# THE LAST RESORT DATING SERVICE APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

SEX (check one) M  F  R  V  K 

WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

Okay, now give us your real age, height and weight

What other ways have you tried to meet members of the opposite sex in the past year? (Circle all that apply.)

Singles bars  
Breaking and entering

Skywriting  
Getting married

Running into the street and shouting "Ahh Giddyba, giddyba!"

## PART I - ATTITUDE PROFILE

Read each statement and choose the response which most clearly indicates how you feel. Check the corresponding box if you:

[1] Strongly Agree [2] Agree [3] Are Uncertain [4] Disagree [5] Strongly Disagree

1 2 3 4 5

- 1. I would pay money to see a singing mule.
- 2. I get defensive when people hurl things at me.
- 3. If displayed properly, wood shavings can be decorative.
- 4. Nothing matters but me.
- 5. It's okay to use your dentures as castanets at parties.
- 6. The way to a man's heart is through his chest.
- 7. One can never know enough about fungus.
- 8. At operas, I always giggle when the lady in the viking helmet comes on.

1 2 3 4 5

- 9. Shampoo and combs are a waste of money.
- 10. I find it hard to be around people who have personalities.
- 11. It would be a happier world if everyone wore duck costumes.
- 12. You should never take more hostages than you actually need.
- 13. I would purchase a book about saliva if one were available.
- 14. Under the right circumstances I could be a psychopathic killer.
- 15. I have difficulty buttoning things.
- 16. Dick Clark is the Antichrist and must be stopped.

## Part II - MULTIPLE CHOICE

(choose what you think is the best answer)

1. Meeting more people and expanding my social life is important because:
  - A) I'm boring and everyone who knows me has already found out.
  - B) I enjoy ruining others' lives.
  - C) I must recruit more disciples in my quest for world domination.
2. You can usually tell a lot about a person by:
  - A) Listening to their opinion of Tommy LaSorda.
  - B) Kidnapping their parents.
  - C) Standing outside their home day and night for six straight months.

3. The main problem with the singles scene is:
  - A) Too much emphasis is put on meeting nice people and being happy.
  - B) There aren't enough activities I can bring my pit bull to.
  - C) The dark lighting in singles bars hides scar tissue.
4. I am currently:
  - A) Single or married, whichever comes first.
  - B) Eligible for parole.
  - C) Painting my kneecaps in assorted colors.

## PART III - LIKES AND DISLIKES

1. Cross out any you will NOT date:

- A) Smokers
- B) Reptiles
- C) Investment bankers
- D) Scrabble cheaters
- E) Animated characters
- F) Ringmasters

2. What are your biggest turn-ons? (Circle all that apply.)
  - A) People who chew with their mouths open
  - B) Antennas
  - C) Removing unwanted hairs
  - D) Uninspected poultry
  - E) Applying the Heimlich maneuver
  - F) Hanging out at drug stores
  - G) Unnecessary surgery

When sending in your application, please include a \$100.00 non-refundable processing fee. If we are unable to find a compatible partner for you, you will not hear from us again. **THIS IS OUR GUARANTEE!**

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

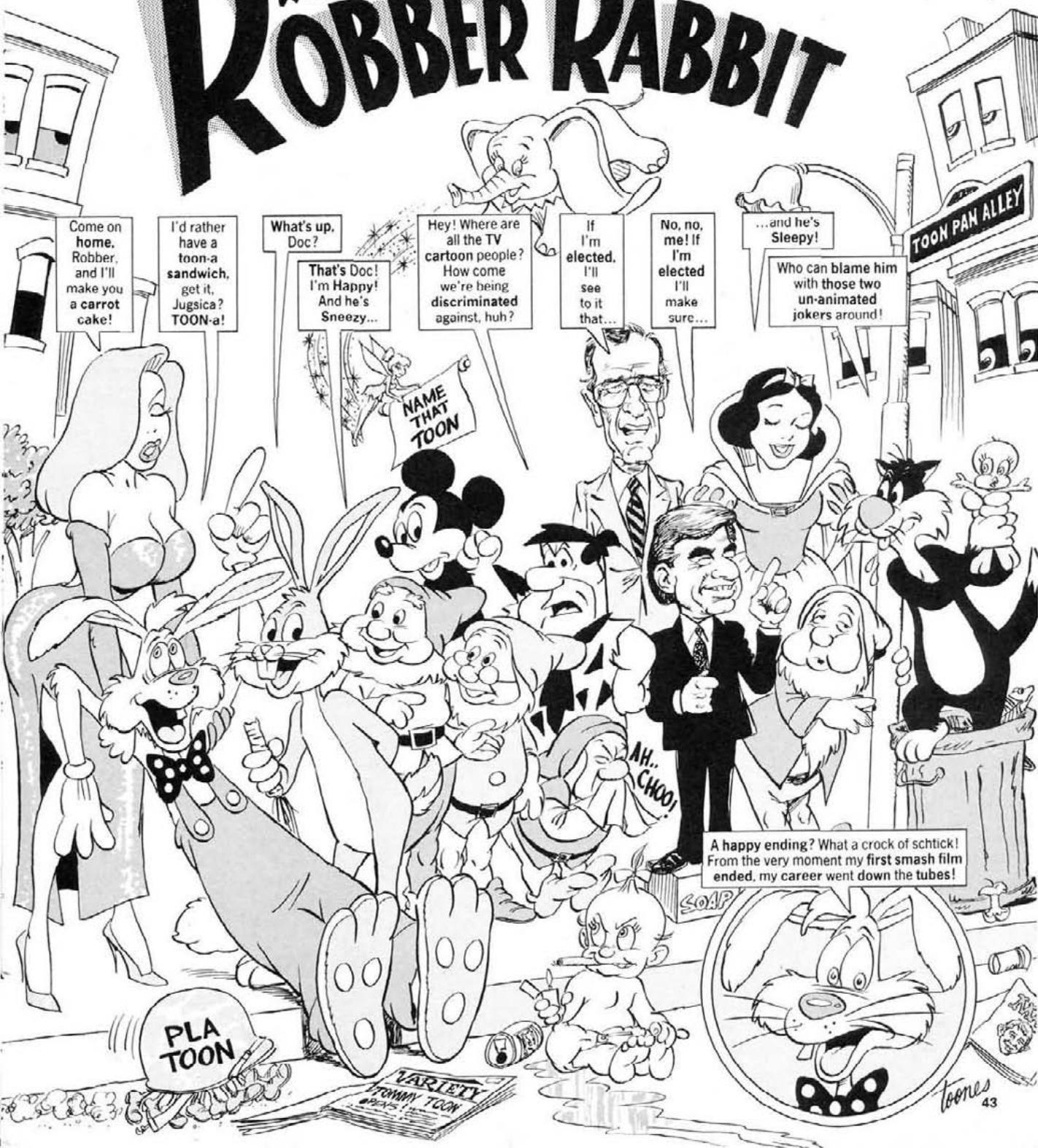
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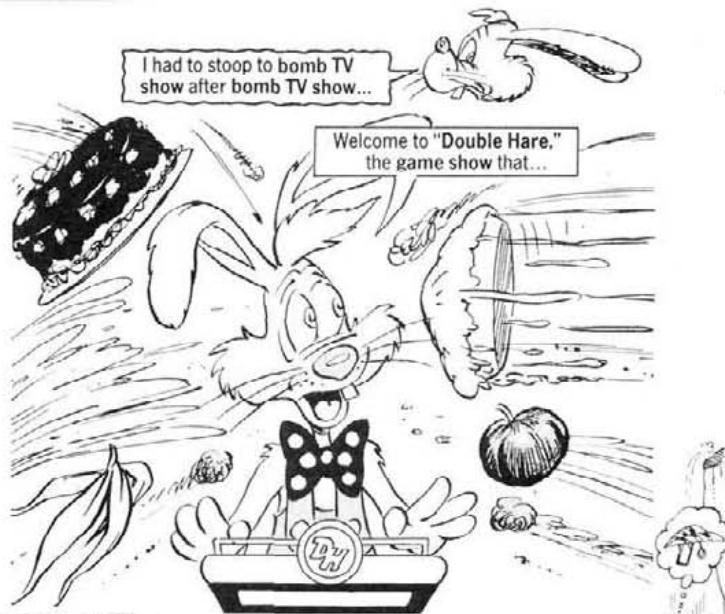
When last seen, Robber Rabbit had been cleared of the murder rap! His lovely wife, Jugsica, came back to him! A bright future looms, right? That's what you think! Let's trace Robber's life from the final frame of his first big hit movie and discover...

# Who de-famed ROBBER RABBIT

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO





Then my best friend Baby Hemroid died from smoking all them cigars...

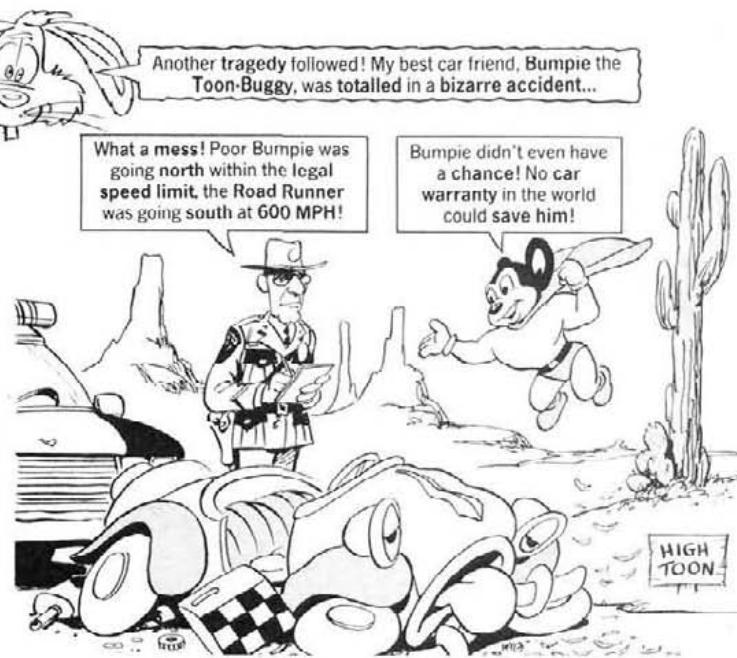
Another tragedy followed! My best car friend, Bumpie the Toon-Buggy, was totalled in a bizarre accident...

Can you imagine, he was **56** years old and could still play the part of a baby!

If he'd only lived to 75—he might've been able to play a teenager!

What a mess! Poor Bumpie was going north within the legal speed limit, the Road Runner was going south at **600 MPH**!

Bumpie didn't even have a chance! No car warranty in the world could save him!

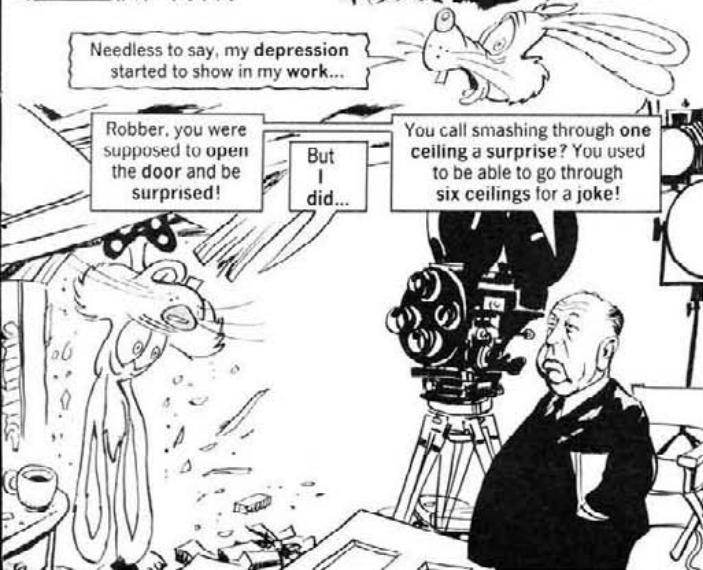


Needless to say, my depression started to show in my work...

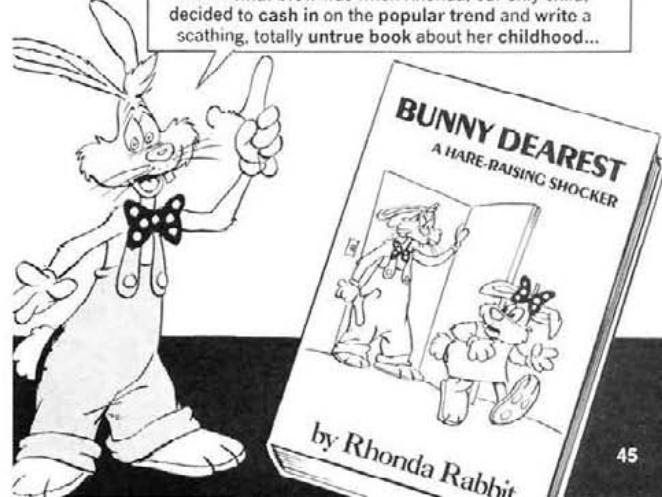
Robber, you were supposed to open the door and be surprised!

But I did...

You call smashing through one ceiling a surprise? You used to be able to go through six ceilings for a joke!



But the final blow was when Rhonda, our only child, decided to cash in on the popular trend and write a scathing, totally untrue book about her childhood...



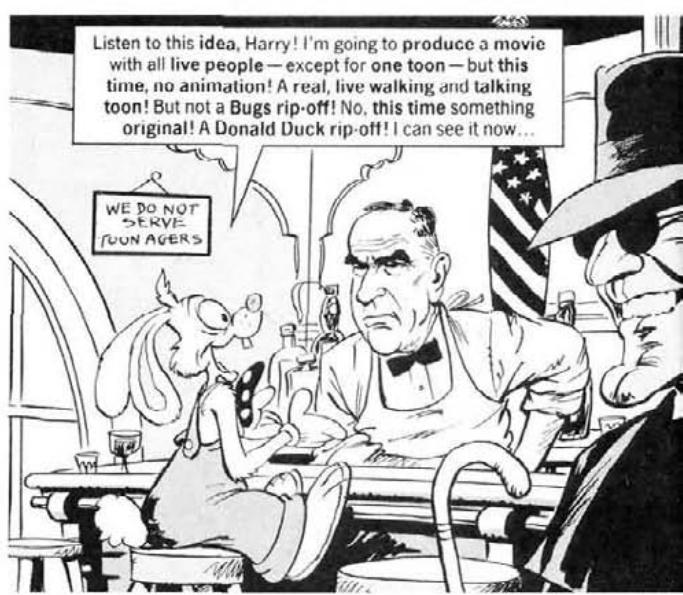
I decided it was time to end it all! Like they say, "Hare today, gone tomorrow!"

Harry, give me a daiquiri dip!

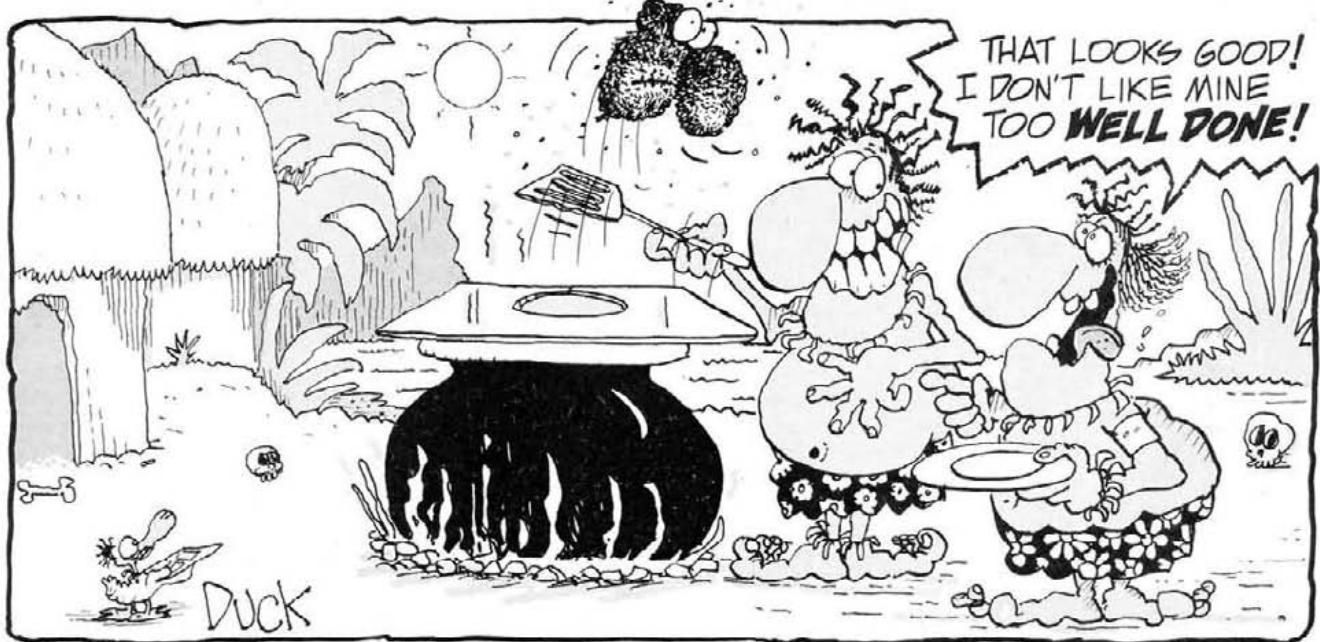
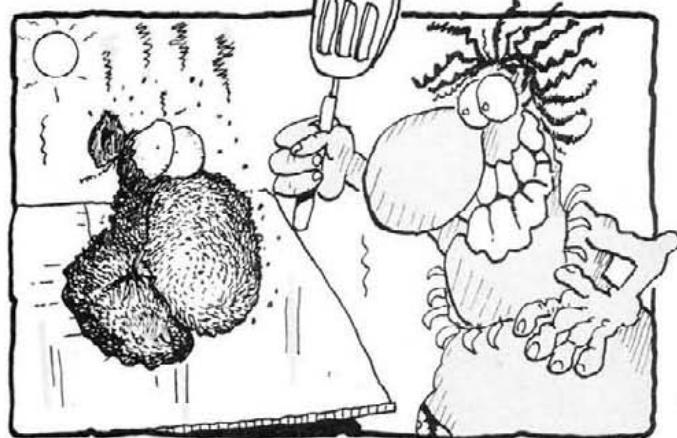
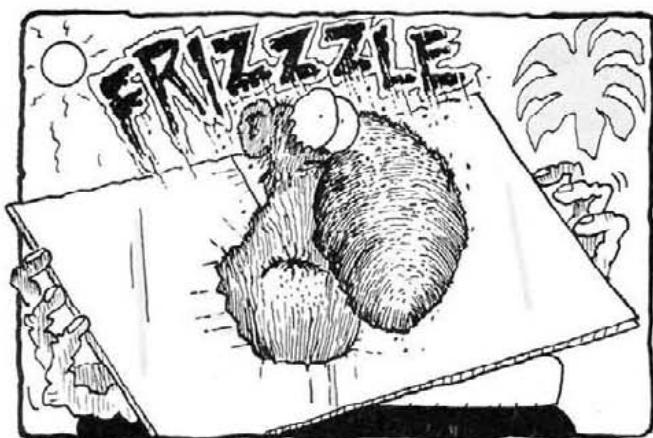
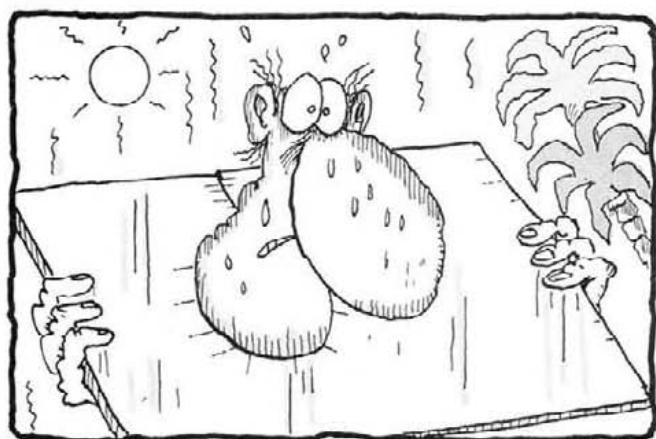
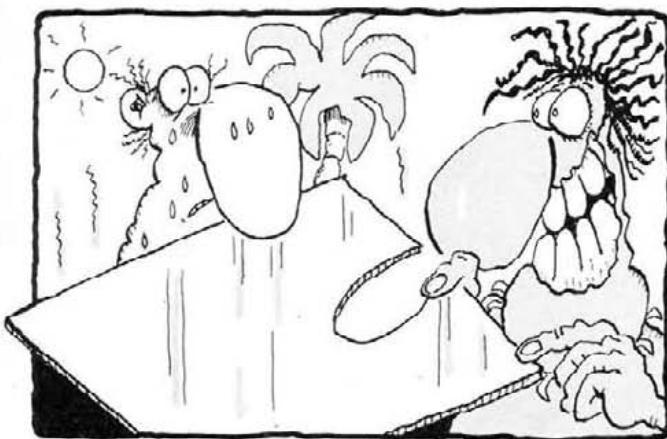
You can't have dip, Robber! You know that's the only thing that can kill toons!

Right! Make it a double-dip daiquiri!

As I started fading away, my life flashed before my eyes! But it was Bugs Bunny's life! No wonder the @ #\$\$%\* sued me!



# THE SIZZLING SOUTH SEAS SUPPER



# MAD'S Christmas Believe It or Nuts!

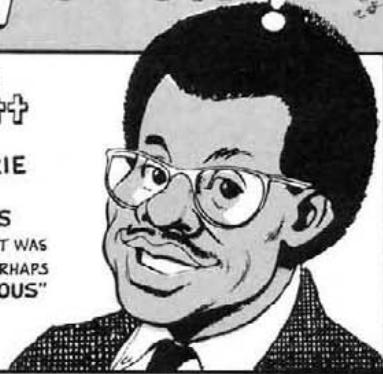
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AT THE ALLIED RUST COMPANY CHRISTMAS PARTY,  
ALL THE EMPLOYEES  
STOP DRINKING WHEN THEY HAVE ENOUGH... AND  
NOT ONE PERSON MAKES A PASS AT ANYONE ELSE'S  
WIFE, BARFS OR ACTS STUPID!!

STOCK BROKER  
**James Witt**  
with the firm of  
**WHITE, WINE & BRIE**  
ONCE RECEIVED A  
**CHRISTMAS BONUS**  
...AND FELT THE AMOUNT WAS  
"INDEED FAIR" AND PERHAPS  
EVEN "OVERLY GENEROUS"



**MARILYN HEMMES**

USED HER CREDIT CARD  
TO PURCHASE A CHRISTMAS  
GIFT FOR HER MOTHER,  
CHANGED HER MIND AND  
RETURNED IT FOR CREDIT.  
SHE THEN CHANGED HER  
MIND AGAIN AND RE-BOUGHT  
THE GIFT...

AND YET, THE CREDIT CARD  
COMPANY DID NOT SCREW  
UP THE BILLING!

**MICHAEL DAMIANO,**  
A DOORMAN IN GARDEN CITY, L.I.  
DOES NOT TREAT ANYONE WITH  
SPECIAL CARE OR POLITENESS  
FOR ONLY THE TWO WEEKS  
BEFORE CHRISTMAS!



HE IS RUDE ALL 52 WEEKS OF THE  
YEAR! ...HE KNOWS TENANTS ARE  
STILL TOO AFRAID NOT TO GIVE HIM  
A LARGE CHRISTMAS TIP!

RETIRED GRANDMOTHER,  
**Margaret Bongiovanni**

AFTER CAREFULLY FOLDING EVERY PIECE  
OF USED CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING  
FOR 59 YEARS, SHE ACTUALLY  
REUSED SOME OF IT!

SHE USED IT TO WRAP ALL THE OTHER  
TONS OF USED GIFT WRAPPING  
FOR THE TRASH COLLECTOR!

Contrary to Popular Belief...

THE TREE IN **ROCKEFELLER CENTER** IS NOT REAL!  
...IT'S THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS  
TREE AND IS STORED THE REST OF THE YEAR ON THE  
WORLD'S LARGEST CLOSET SHELF IN THE **RCA BUILDING**!



**WHAT ONE  
THING MAKES  
LIFE IN THE  
FAST LANE  
POSSIBLE?**

# HERE WE GO AGAIN WITH ANOTHER **MAD FOLD-IN**

**Life in the fast lane is very appealing.  
To find out what one thing you'll need  
to make it there, fold in page as shown.**

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A ►

FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"

◀ B

FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT



**RADICALLY DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES ARE EXTREMELY POPULAR  
TODAY. ALL HIGH ACHIEVERS ARE ABSOLUTELY  
DETERMINED TO LIVE LIKE RICH AND FAMOUS TV AND FILM ACTORS.**

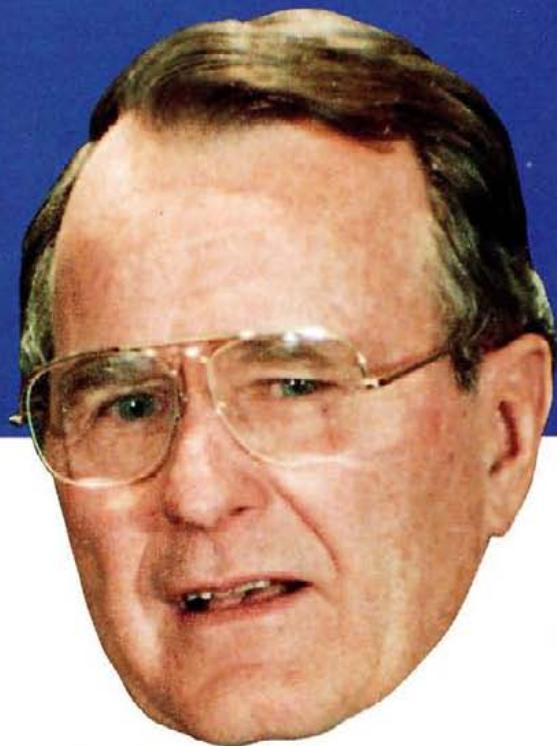
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**DECISION '88**

DUKAKIS?

BUSH?



**JUST SAY  
NO!**

VOTE  
MAD!

VOTE  
MAD!



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